

The Higher Ground After School Tutorial Program  
In Collaboration with Carstens Elementary School  
Supplemental Educational Service Provider Application  
2004 – 2005

**Rubric Element III Program Effectiveness**

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Higher Ground has worked in partnership with Carstens Elementary for the past three years, beginning in 2001. The same standards have been maintained that are required by the SESP Program. In addition, the principal and staff have a working relationship with Higher Ground that will insure the utmost cooperation in educating Carstens' youth.

The Open Court Reading Program has been a highly effective program that engages students into the whole language concept with a creative reliability ration which greatly increased the language arts mastery of students in California on not only the Elementary level of education but the middle school level as well (Middle School series is called Spotlight on Literacy). Both programs are generated from the SRA (Sun Reading Authmatic Initiative) published by the McGraw Hill Company who has indeed celebrated the success of creating highly innovative, research based, one data driven education programs for students on all academic levels based upon the state as well as National Educational Standards and Benchwork Requirements in full collaboration with the Title I Law (Legislation 103.382) Improving America's School Act and the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

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